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HE SAID, "THEY SIMPLY WON'T DISCUSS IT." HE ADDED THAT HE KNOWS WE HAVE TO HAVE THESE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BUT THAT HE MUST HAVE THE PRIMIN'S AND FONMIN'S HELP IF HE IS TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF GETTING THE TURKISH OFFER WITHIN THE RANGE OF SOMETHING WE CAN ACCEPT.

5. HE THEN CAME TO HIS MAIN POINT WHICH WAS THAT HAVING GONE AS FAR AS HE COULD GO WITH HIS BOSSES, IT WAS NOW ESSENTIAL THAT I SEE CAGLAYANGIL WHEN HE GETS BACK TO ANKARA NEXT WEEK. WE WERE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS, HE AFFIRMED, ON THE MORE TECHNICAL ARTICLES (AS I MENTIONED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS TELEGRAM), AND HE FELT THAT WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO KEEP ON A SCHEDULE WITH RESPECT TO THESE THAT WOULD HAVE THEM IN FAIRLY GOOD SHAPE FOR THE WASHINGTON MEETING. BUT HE SAID UNLESS WE CAN SOON GET A BREAKTHROUGH WITH CAGLAYANGIL ON THE KEY ISSUES OF (A) ASSISTANCE LEVEL, (B) TAX RELIEF, AND (C) NATO/SOFA, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE WASHINGTON VISIT. THE PRESENT DISCREPANCIES IN OUR POSITIONS ARE SIMPLY TOO GREAT, HE SAID, TO RISK IT.

6. HE INTERRUPTED HIMSELF AT THIS POINT TO SAY THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER MATTER THAT HAD TO BE RESOLVED. HE REPORTED THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIMIN THE LATTER HAD SAID THAT CAGLAYANGIL SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SIGN ANY AGREEMENT IN
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WASHINGTON "UNLESS THE EMBARGO HAD BEEN TOTALLY LIFTED." ELEKDAG SAID THAT HE HAD ARGUED WITH THE PRIMIN THAT THE WAY TO GET THE EMBARGO LIFTED WAS TO HELP THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION BY LETTING THE INSTALLATIONS FUNCTION AGAIN -- AND THAT TURKEY'S INTERESTS WERE PROTECTED BY THE PROVISIONS THAT WERE BEING NEGOTIATED IN THE AGREEMENT. THE PRIMIN REMAINED UNCONVINCED, SAID ELEKDAG, BUT HE NEVERTHELESS CAME AWAY WITH THE FEELING THAT DEMIREL MIGHT BE MORE MALLEABLE ON THIS ISSUE THAN ON THE AID LEVEL.

7. RETURNING TO MY PROJECTED MEETING WITH CAGLAYANGIL, ELEKDAG URGED THAT I DO ALL I COULD TO (A) "GET ACROSS REALITY" WITH RESPECT TO OUR PROPOSED AID LEVELS, (B) TRY TO DEVELOP SOME SWEETENERS THAT COULD BE THROWN IN, (C) EMPHASIZE THAT THE INSTALLATIONS MUST START UP IMMEDIATELY UPON THE SIGNING OF A WASHINGTON AGREEMENT, AND (D) STRESS TO CAGLAYANGIL THE ESSENTIALITY OF THE TAX RELIEF AND NATO/SOFA PROVISIONS. ELEKDAG NOTED THAT CAGLAYANGIL WOULD BE RETURNING THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 1) AND LEAVING THE COUNTRY AGAIN ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5. HE THOUGHT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT I SEE HIM NO LATER THAN THIS COMING WEDNESDAY.

8. COMMENT: I HAVE COME TO KNOW ELEKDAG WELL AND I BELIEVE IN THIS CONVERSATION HE WAS BASICALLY LEVELING WITH ME, AND NOT SIMPLY PURSUING A NEGOTIATION TACTIC. I READ HIM AS GENUINELY WORRIED THAT BECAUSE OF WHAT IS REPORTED ABOVE, WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT GOING TO GET AN AGREEMENT, AND I AM PERSUADED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL BE A VERY UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT FOR TURKEY AND FOR WESTERN DEFENSE.

9. WHILE CONTINUING DAILY NEGOTIATING SESSIONS WITH ELEKDAG ON OTHER ISSUES, I CONCLUDE THAT I SHOULD SEE CAGLAYANGIL NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY TO DEAL WITH THE AGENDA ELEKDAG SUGGESTS.

10. IF YOU CONCUR, I ASK YOU TO ARM ME WITH STATEMENTS WHICH SPELL OUT AS GRAPHICALLY AND PERSUASIVELY AS POSSIBLE WHY THE FIGURE WE HAVE CITED IS A MAXIMUM ONE. I WILL WANT TO MAKE THESE STATEMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S NAMES BUT I WOULD

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NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO PRESENT THEM IN WRITING. (CAGLAYANGIL HAS HEARD MY OWN VIEWS AND YOURS, JOE, BUT NOW WE MUST GET THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE BACKING FOR WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SAYING.) SECONDLY, I NEED ALL THE ARGUMENTS YOU CAN GIVE ME WHICH WILL EXPLAIN THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AID LEVELS (PARTICULARLY GRANT ASSISTANCE) AND

THAT PLANNED FOR TURKEY. THIRD, I ASK YOU TO MOUNT A CRASH EFFORT TO RACK WASHINGTON'S BRAINS FOR SWEETNERS THAT I COULD DISCUSS IN A GENERAL WAY WITH CAGLAYANGIL. I AM THINKING HERE OF SUCH THINGS AS "STREAMLING," EX-IM BANK LONS, PL480 (I HAVE NO IDEA IF THIS MAKES SENSE, BUT IT SHOULD BE EXPLORED) AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF. ON THIS SUBJECT ELEKDAG ASKED IF THERE WASN'T ANY POSSIBLE WAY OF COMING UP WITH SOMETHING LIKE THE "SPANISH AGREEMENT DEVICE" OF SUBSTITUTING NEWER AIRCRAFT FOR SOME OF TURKEY'S OBSOLETE SQUADRONS -- AND THEN PUTTING A LARGE ARTIFICIAL PRICE TAG ON THIS TRANSACTION.

11. AS OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION CONCLUDED, ELEKDAG KEPT COMING BACK TIME AND AGAIN TO THE NEED TO COME UP WITH COMBINATIONS OF THE KIND JUST MENTIONED IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO BRIDGE AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE CRITICAL GAP THAT NOW EXISTS BETWEEN US. I WOULD NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS WITH CAGLAYANGIL THE DOLLAR VALUES OF ANY NEW COMPONENTS OF OUR PACKAGE WHICH YOU CAN SUGGEST TO ME. THAT COULD BE LEFT, I THINK, FOR THE WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, IF THE WASHINGTON MEETING IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO FAIL -- IN FACT, IF IT IS TO TAKE PLACE AT ALL -- IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR ME TO PERSUADE CAGLAYANGIL THAT WHILE THERE CAN BE NO GIVE IN OUR 200 MILLION DOLLARS FIGURE, COSMETIC WAYS CAN STILL BE FOUND TO PRODUCE A TOTAL FIGURE WHICH THE GOT CAN HANDLE ON THE DOMESTIC TURKISH POLITICAL SCENE.

12. I DO NOT REPEAT NOT NEED ANY ADDITIONAL WASHINGTON ARGUMENTS RE IMPORTANCE OF TAX RELIEF AND NATO/SOFA. HERE I AGREE WITH ELEKDAG THAT THE KEY IS GETTING CAGLAYANGIL BACK ON THE TRACK REGARDING OUR ASSISTANCE GAP. IF CAGLAYANGIL SEES THE POSSIBILITY OF A POLITICALLY DEFENSIBLE SOLUTION ON THE ASSISTANCE ISSUE, I THINK HE WILL BE WILLING TO HELP WITH RESPECT TO THESE OTHER TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS.

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13. FINALLY, I DO NOT REPEAT NOT NEED ANY ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS ON THE NEED TO HAVE THE BASES START UP IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGNATURE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. AGAIN, HOWEVER, I INTEND TO MAKE THESE ARGUMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S NAMES.
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